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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN F. DONNELLY
DIRECTOR, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND
INVESTIGATIVE PROGRAMS, OUSDP, and
MISS KATHLEEN A. BUCK
ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL (LEGAL COUNSEL)

SUBJECT: Memo dated 11/26/85 re Unauthorized Disclosure (attached)

The Senate letter indicates that the time frame in which Michael Ledeen's actions came into question was 1980-81, that the chief concern is whether he violated FARA (Justice finds he did not) and, casually, whether it is probable that Ledeen disclosed classified information to unauthorized persons.

I'm afraid I can't shed any light on the subject. Ledeen came to Defense from State, with the proper clearances. His appointment was effective 15 August 1983, long after the period in question. His last billing date was 4 March 1985. He remains on our books as a consultant.

From about mid-1984 on, I restricted his access to most classified information, not because I was concerned about leaks, but simply because I didn't think he had a need to know much of what Defense was doing in a number of areas. When we were urged to reduce the number of clearances out, I reduced his from Top Secret to Secret. This had no effect, because he was consulting directly for the National Security Advisor, and in that role had a Top Secret clearance.

From effective date of appointment to his last billing date, he worked 51 days total.

I have no reason to believe he divulged classified information to unauthorized persons.

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Attachment
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